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Dear Sir:

The Office is advised that the applicant in the above U.S. application qualifies as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27.

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